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SUBJ: SCINTEIA EDITORIAL PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

1. COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER SCINTEIA OF 24 NOVEMBER CARRIES A HALF-PAGE EDITORIAL WHICH UNDERLINES ROMANIAN PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND GOES ON TO MAKE STRONG PITCH FOR A QUICK FOLLOW-UP TO THE NEW OPENINGS CREATED BY PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO ISRAEL AS WELL AS FOR AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

2. THE FIRST THIRD OF THE ARTICLE IS AN EXPOSITION OF ROMANIA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PRINCIPLES OUTLINED DURING THE PARTY'S ELEVENTH CONGRESS, STRESSES ROMANIAN COMMITMENT TO THE PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS, AND MENTIONS IN THIS CONTEXT AFRICA AND CYPRUS. REST FOCUSES

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ON MIDDLE EAST AND INCLUDES POSITIVE, BUT CAREFULLY BALANCED STATEMENT THAT SADAT'S ISRAELI VISIT HAD BEEN NECESSARY ALTHOUGH ARAB COUNTRIES HAD REACTED BOTH FOR AND AGAINST IT. IT GOES ON TO STATE THAT ALL PARTIES CONCERNED SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE AFTERMATH OF THE VISIT TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS TOWARD AN "EFFECTIVE SOLUTION" TO THE PROBLEMS OF THIS REGION, ESPECIALLY TOWARD THE EARLY RESUMPTION OF

THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES: "ROMANIA WILL DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS NOBLE CAUSE . . ."

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST EDITORIAL WE HAVE SEEN ON SADAT'S VISIT AND IS SIGNIFICANT IN ITS DEPARTURE FROM THE GENERALLY NEGATIVE VIEWS COMING FROM OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION. THE FACT THAT IT IS UNSIGNED TENDS TO GIVE IT SLIGHTLY MORE WEIGHT AS AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF PARTY POLICY. AND ITS TIMING, DURING THE VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU TO WASHINGTON (MENTIONED ON SAME PAGE) IS PROBABLY NOT COINCIDENTIAL.

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